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In re application of:

Yasuaki NAKAMURA, et al.

Application No.: 10/643,312

Filed: August 18, 2003

For: DISK CONTROL SYSTEM AND

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 19, 2006 on the abovereferenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.